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1. FOREIGN PROGRAMS INFORMALLY CONTACTED U.S. IMPORTER AS YOU SUGGESTED. IMPORTER ADVISED THAT BULGARIANS, DUE TO PESTICIDE PROBLEMS LAST YEAR, HAVE NOT EXPORTED MEAT TO U.S. THIS YEAR AND FELT THAT SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS IRRELEVANT IN ABSENCE OF EXPORTS. INDICATED THAT PESTICIDE PROBLEM NOW RESOLVED AND ANTICIPATED BULGARIA NOW INTERESTED IN EXPORT.

2. SUGGEST YOU REMIND GOB OFFICIALS OF U.S. REQUIREMENTS FOR A COUNTRY TO MAINTAIN ELIGIBILITY WHETHER OR NOT ACTIVELY EXPORTING. 9 CFR 327.2(A)(2)(III) STATES IN PART--QUOTE "MAINTENANCE OF ELIGIBILITY OF A COUNTRY FOR IMPORTATION OF PRODUCTS INTO THE UNITED STATES DEPENDS ON THE RESULTS OF PERIODIC REVIEWS OF THE FOREIGN MEAT INSPECTION SYSTEM IN OPERATION BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND THE TIMELY SUBMISSION OF SUCH DOCUMENTS AND OTHER INFOR-

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MATION RELATED TO THE CONDUCT OF THE FOREIGN INSPECTION

SYSTEM." END QUOTE. FURTHER, 327.2(A)(3) STATES--QUOTE
"CERTIFICATIONS OF ESTABLISHMENTS MUST BE RENEWED ANNUALLY."
END QUOTE. ANNUAL CERTIFICATIONS ARE DUE BY APRIL 1 OF EACH
YEAR. WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT OTHER COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE
TO EXPORT MEAT TO THE UNITED STATES HAVE COOPERATED FULLY
IN FURNISHING REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION WHETHER
EXPORTING OR NOT.

3. APHIS WILL ACCEPT DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED THROUGH THE BULGARIAN
EMBASSY, WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, NORMAL OPERATING PROCEDURE
IS TO MAKE ALL CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN OFFICIALS THROUGH U.S.
EMBASSY IN EXPORTING COUNTRY. ROGERS

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